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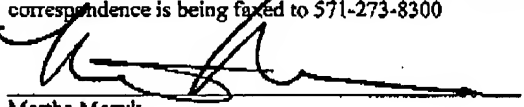
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 17, 2006**

Dear Commissioner:

This is responsive to the FINAL Office Action dated April 17, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on July 17, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month Extension of Time, with the appropriate fee, for extending the time for reply to August 17, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

This Response is hereby offered as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). An RCE Transmittal Letter and appropriate fee are attached.